

ICA COMPETITIONS – 2017 – 18 PROGRAMME

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National Contests Final 2018

Date: 7th to 8th April 2018

Location: An Grianán

At this final we will hold the competitions for the Patsy Lawlor Cup and Shield for Set Dancing, the Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music, the Baumann Shield for Music and the National Table Quiz Final.
PLEASE NOTE COMPETITION NUMBERS 7, 8, 9 and 10 are OPEN GUILD COMPETITIONS.

1. GEM PACK Baking Competition National Final – 10th March 2018

The GEM PACK Baking Competition Final will be held in An Grianán on Saturday 10th March 2018. The competition is for a Battenburg Cake (maximum size 20cm X 10cm; 8 inches X 4 inches (finished)). One cake per Federation. Proof of Gempack purchases are required at Federation and National Competitions. Cake, recipe and proof of Gempack purchases only on the table. No marks gained for extra display items.

The names of the Federation winners and the recipes used must be submitted to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville by **Wednesday 28th February 2018.**

The Federation Winners will be invited to come to An Grianán on Saturday 10th March 2018. Registration of the entries will take place at 10.30am. Tea and coffee at 11am followed by a Cookery Demonstration. All meals and accommodation on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday will be sponsored by GEM PACK. There will be entertainment on the Saturday evening.

2. Creative Writing Competition - Closing Date: Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Title: A short story, which must include the words “Talk about being scared...” (Maximum 2,000 words, word count must be stated).

Please send typed entry marked “Creative Writing Competition” to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. Stories must be typed on one side of paper only using double lined spacing and font size Times Roman 12. Email a copy of the story to banvilleb@eircom.net. We hope to produce a Creative Writing Booklet containing all entries. Your story will be included unless you opt out at the time of submitting your entry. If you would like us to return the original story **please** include a stamped self-addressed envelope. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Six stories will be shortlisted to go forward to the National Final in An Grianan on **Saturday 10th March** and may be read by the writer or a person of their choosing on Saturday afternoon. The shortlisted writers will be treated to dinner on Saturday evening and B&B.

3. ICA Trophy for Reporting - Closing Date: Tuesday 20th March 2018

Write a report on a significant event in your area. (Recent or past events acceptable) The report should be approx. 700 words.

Please send entry marked “Reporting” to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Foulksmills, Camross, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. If you would like us to return the original article **please** include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

4. Inter Federation Cup for Art – Photography - Closing Date: Monday 19th February 2018

Titles: Colour - "Fun in the Sun" Black and White: "A Person At Work"

Size of Photograph 5x7 inches or 13 x 18 cm - unmounted.

Photographs entered must have been taken by the entrant.

Please send entry marked "Photography" to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** enclose an appropriately sized stamped self-addressed envelope for return. No details of entrant on photograph. Entry Fee: €5.00 or three photos for €10 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

5. Baumann Cup for Art Closing Date: Tuesday 20th March 2018

Art: Painting – "A Beach Scene"

Unsigned, unmounted and unframed (Water Colours) **not larger** than 15 inches x 11 inches or 38.1cm x 27.9cm. Please send entry marked "Baumann Art" to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** include stamped self-addressed envelope for return. No details of entrant on painting. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

6. National Table Quiz Final – Saturday 7th April 2018

- Table of three participants – must be from the same Guild.
- Entry fee €30 euro per guild at Federation round.
- Out of the entry fees for the table quiz, we are asking Federations to pay for dinner B&B for their winning team to attend the National Final at An Grianán on Saturday 7th April 2018 at 2pm. Lunch on 7th April is not included. Winners must make their own arrangements for lunch.
- Total cost €240 to the National Contests Secretary before 16th March 2018
- There will be ten rounds with ten questions in each round at the national final. One round will be about ICA. One of the rounds will be a picture round.

Please send names of winning team and cheque made payable to ICA Contests to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford marked "National Table Quiz" before 16th March 2018 including contact numbers and email addresses. Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

7. Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing - Full Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) 8th April 2018.

Teams will be required to dance two figures of their chosen set.

Marching on and off floor not permitted. Dancing shoes (jig, hornpipe, batter) not permitted. Uniforms will not gain extra marks / Teams need not all be from the same Guild.

No Entry Fee / Live music with a maximum of two musicians **or** bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Please send entry details marked "Patsy Lawlor Cup – Full Set" which should include the names of sets being danced, names of the Competitors and their Guilds, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than Tuesday 20th March 2018. National Final on Sunday 8th April 2018.

8. Patsy Lawlor Shield for Set Dancing - Half Set (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION) 8th April 2018

Teams will be required to dance two figures of their chosen set.

Marching on and off floor not permitted. Dancing shoes (jig, hornpipe, batter) not permitted.

Uniforms will not gain extra marks. Teams need not all be from the same Guild.

No Entry Fee / Live music with a maximum of two musicians **or** bring your own music on CD or Tape and Player for the National Final.

Please send entry details marked "Patsy Lawlor Shield – Half Set" which should include the names of sets being danced, names of the Competitors and their Guilds, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills,

Co Wexford not later than Tuesday 20th March 2018. National Final on Sunday 8th April 2018.

9. Baumann Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Closing Date: Tuesday 20th March 2018.

National Final on Sunday afternoon 8th April 2018.

Theme: Two Songs: (one, with the name of a dance in the song and one from a Show)

Group: minimum of 4 singers (need not be from same Guild)

Accompanist need not be an ICA member but all singers must be paid up members.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks. No entry fee.

Please send entry marked "Baumann Music" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2018. National Final on Sunday 8th April 2018.

10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music (OPEN GUILD COMPETITION)

Closing Date: Tuesday 20th March 2018.

National Final on Sunday afternoon 8th April 2018.

Theme: Dhá Amhrán as Gaelige (in Irish). : (one, with a name (ainm) and one with a place (áit))

Group: minimum of 4 singers (need not be from same Guild)

Accompanist need not be an ICA member but all singers must be paid up members.

No backing tracks allowed. Costumes will not gain marks. No entry fee.

Please send entry marked "Eleanora Gibbon Shield" which should include the names of the two songs, Guild, contact name, address, telephone number and email address to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 20th March 2018. National Final on Sunday 8th April 2018.

11. Comórtas Gael Linn –Closing Date – Monday 19th February 2018.

Scéal (Story) – Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin (There is no place like home).

Suas go dtí 700 focail (up to 700 words). Closing date: Monday 19th February 2018. Entry Fee €5.

Please send entry marked "Gael Linn Scéal" with your entry fee to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford not later than 19th February 2018 with a stamped address envelope for return if required.

12. Inter Federation Cup for Crafts Closing Date: 29th March 2018

Craft: "A Red Work Embroidery Wall Hanging (any size).

Please send entry marked "Wall Hanging" with your entry fee of €5 on or before 29th March 2018 to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** enclose a stamped self-addressed package for return. No details of entrant on Wall Hanging. Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

13. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl – Closing Date: Thursday 29th March 2018.

Item: Tea Cosy - homemade

Medium: any medium

Please send entry marked "Tea Cosy (Muriel Gahan)" and your entry fee of €5 to the National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone numbers, email address, Guild and Federation on **a separate sheet of paper** and submit with your entry. **Please** include a large stamped self-addressed padded envelope for return of entry. No details of entrant on item. Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date: Thursday 29th March 2018.**

14. Contest Committee Award 2018 – Closing Date Monday 19th March 2018

Item: Four coasters – homemade – can be circular or square. Max diameter if circular 10cm (4 inches) or square 10cm x 10cm (4 inches x 4 inches)

Medium: any medium

Please send entry marked “Contest Committee Award 2018” with your entry fee of €5 to National Contest Secretary, Breda Banville, Camross, Foulksmills, Co Wexford. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, Guild and Federation on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your entry. **Please** include stamped self-addressed envelope for return. Entry Fee: €5.00 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests. **Closing Date 19th March 2018.**

15. Breda McDonald Trophy / Hobby Section for Beginners

Three of any of the following items

- Pressed Flower Picture
- Knitting (small items minimum size 6 inches/15 cm)
- Glass Etching
- Glass Painting
- Needle Felting
- Pin Flair
- 3D Decoupage
- Deco Patch
- Cane Edge Tray
- Ribbon Work (not Ribbon Embroidery)
- Wool Crochet (Pin Cushion, Pot Holder, Toilet Roll Cover)
- Cross Stitch (Bookmark, Card or other small item)
- Quilling
- Plastic Canvas (small item)
- Parchment

Please note that items submitted must not exceed A4 size i.e. 30cm by 21cm. The three items must be the work of the one person.

The competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers

Points to be judged

1. Shape
2. Design

Points 1 – 10 awarded for each item submitted. (Each to be a different craft).

Trophy awarded to person gaining most points in this section.

Entry Fee €10 - Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests

Closing Date 27th March 2018

Entry form available from Central Office and online from www.ica.ie (competitions section).

Please forward completed entry form and cheque with items to Central Office. Judging will take place at Handcraft Week. Items can be collected from Central Office after that week. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of items if so wished. Trophy will be presented at the National AGM on 26th May 2018.

16. MEMORIAL HANDCRAFT TROPHY – Closing date for entries is 27th March 2018.

The craft chosen for the Award in 2018 is **Stitched Woolwork** and the item is a **Shoulder Bag suitably lined**.

Refer to the Handcraft Booklet for points of note.

This competition is not open to Handcraft Teachers.

Entry Fee: €5.00 – Please make cheques payable to ICA Contests.

Please include a large stamped addressed padded envelope for return of entry.

Closing date for Entries will be 27th March 2018 and all entries to be sent to Central Office, 58 Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Alternatively, members attending Handcraft Week can bring their entries together with their entry fee to An Grianán. All entries will be judged during Handcraft Week. Trophy will be presented at the National AGM on 26th May 2018.

Any queries regarding Competitions 15 or 16 should be directed to Josephine Helly, Chairperson of the National Handcraft Committee, Phone 087 6601640.

Pitch and Putt Autumn 2018 – will be held during September 2018.

*There must be at least two entries in any competition for it to be held.
Please note that the JUDGE'S DECISION is final in all competitions.*

TIMELINE FOR ENTRIES

31/01/2018	2. Creative Writing
19/02/2018	4. Inter Federation Cup for Art - Photography
19/02/2018	11. Comórtas Gael Linn
28/02/2018	1. Gempack Baking Competition
16/03/2018	6. National Table Quiz
19/03/2018	14. Contest Committee Award
20/03/2018	5. Baumann Cup for Art, Painting
20/03/2018	9. Baumann Shield for Music
20/03/2018	3. Reporting
20/03/2018	10. Eleanora Gibbon Shield for Music
20/03/2018	7. Patsy Lawlor Cup, Full Set
20/03/2018	8. Patsy Lawlor Shield, Half Set
27/03/2018	15. Breda McDonald Trophy
27/03/2018	16. Memorial Handcraft Trophy
29/03/2018	12. Inter Federation cup for Crafts
29/03/2018	13. Muriel Gahan Rosebowl